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RICO Helping NASA Make Sending Humans Into Deep Space a Reality

May, 2012 - Medina, OH. Sending humans into deep space has long been the purview of science fiction but last year NASA released information on their Space Launch System which would allow us to do just that. Exploring our solar system would open up a whole host of opportunities and add to our scientific understanding of our own world.

To accomplish this launch and the safe return of astronauts, NASA has to solve many unique and challenging problems. Over the years a number of useful inventions have come from the space program that we use today. Things like your wireless headset, scratch resistant glasses, memory foam, Velcro and cordless tools were all products of the space program.

One of the challenges NASA had to solve right away is the ability to move large fuel tanks around their facilities safely and efficiently. RICO Manufacturing, located in Medina Oh, helped NASA solve the problem through customized lift trucks that are easy to operate, safe and can handle the changing requirements of the designs. Seen in this video released last September, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhzIWeZedJM>, RICO equipment is shown in use and keeping things on track. "Our equipment has a long-standing history with NASA including moving the fuel cells for the space shuttle program for many years" reports Steve Shuck, President.

Customizing lift trucks, RICO is able to meet the unique needs of today's manufacturers while managing the design, development and manufacturing of specialized lift trucks and material handling equipment.

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